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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

Asian American Journalist Fired by ABC-TV After Covering Proud Boys Protest

Jonathan Choe, a veteran reporter for the ABC-TV affiliate KOMO in Seattle, has written an essay on Medium claiming he was fired for his coverage of a rally by the controversial Proud Boys group.

Choe was covering the rally earlier this month. He tweeted a photo montage of the Proud Boys rally, including some controversial music in the clip. That drew outrage from the Twitterati, who allegedly accused him of being a "white supremacist."

"Let me start off by saying I am not a neo-Nazi, fascist, or white supremacist," Choe wrote on Medium. "Those are just some of the names I have been called over the past few days for my recent coverage of a protest in Olympia, WA. It was advertised as a "rally for America."

In the clips Choe included music from the rally that included a song called "We'll Have Our Home Again." It is allegedly played frequently at Proud Boys rallies and similar gatherings.

"I wanted to simply capture a moment in time, with authentic visuals and sounds. It was clearly misinterpreted by some on-line," Choe wrote.

Because of the uproar, Choe said his news director told him to take down all his social media related to the Proud Boys rally. He did so, but was fired the following day, he said.

"I've been a journalist now for more than 20 years. If there was a Ku Klux Klan rally and cross burning at Seattle Center in downtown, I would be the first person there to cover the event. My job is to present all sides, not just the one that aligns with my values or worldview," Choe wrote, adding that he

has covered "Antifa violence and destruction in the city" as well.

"My problem arises when any group or side tries to silence me for simply trying to show what's happening," Choe concluded. "At the end of the day, all I can do is shine a light on issues that matter to the community. Fairly and accurately."

Deadline has reached out to KOMO for comment. We'll update when they respond. -- deadline.com March 27, 2022

Why leftists take comfort in the Heller case

Firearms advocates bless the day when the *Heller* decision came down from the U.S. Supreme Court (*District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 628 n. 27; June 26, 2008). It removed any remaining doubt about the protections afforded by the Second Amendment: the right to arms is a right of the people, not some collective, as the left had been inventing in recent years, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Ah, yes, then comes "The Paragraph", the only part of the *Heller* decision that liberals care about. The other 65 pages of the decision are mere dicta (that part of a case that is explanatory, but does not contain the core of the findings.) Justice Scalia wrote in The Paragraph "... nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions" like those "forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings."

So, if a prohibition has been "longstanding," it is presumptively constitutional, is that really the point? How longstanding was slavery? How longstanding were segregated schools? How longstanding were prohibitions

against divorce, abortion, interracial marriage and same-sex marriage? All of a sudden liberals revere longstanding restrictions because they are "... longstanding? No, they revere them because in *Heller* it twists the decision beyond recognition, to something liberals seek – dictatorial gun control.

Who decides which places are "sensitive"? That would be the Congress, right? So, is Scalia saying that Congress emphatically may not - repeat may not - infringe the rights to keep and bear arms – except in places the Congress in its discretion may deem "sensitive"? Does that include schools, government buildings, restaurants, stores, office buildings, public transportation, private transportation, large public gatherings small public gatherings, indoor places and outdoor places? Are we to conclude that all other places are fine, and relinquish our rights to the whims of Congress? No. Only if you ignore the plain meaning and long history of the American rights to arms can you dream up such silliness.

-- Based on an article by Charles M. Strauss in The Bill of Rights Sentinel Vol. 1, No. 27

Review: Supreme Court Gun Cases

by David B. Kopel, Stephen P. Halbrook, Alan Korwin

Supreme Court Gun Cases dispels the myth that the High Court has been quiet on the subject of guns. The book runs 672 pages, covers 92 gun-related cases, and this is the bottom line: the Supreme Court has upheld the legal tradition and historical record of private gun ownership, self-defense, and armed self-defense, since the country began. The days of saying Americans have no individual gun rights are now over.

Time and time again, the Court recognizes the individual right to keep and bear arms that we observe in every facet of American life, in this scrupulously researched text. The anti-rights argument collapses under the weight of the evidence, and will force gun banners to find something new to say. Americans have a constitutionally protected right to keep arms and to bear arms.

(WARNING: The following is not legal advice. Local jurisdictions may not adhere to these Supreme Court results, may have introduced conflicting precedents, and may have enacted laws in direct conflict with these decisions or provisions in the Constitution.)

A dozen nearly forgotten self-defense cases expressly recognized people's right to use personally owned firearms in defense of self, family and property.

Going home to get your handgun for protection after being threatened was a reasonable act under the given circumstances.

Borrowing a rifle for protection after you were threatened was a reasonable act under the given circumstances.

Using a shotgun you normally carry for protection was a reasonable act under the given circumstances.

Defending yourself against a criminal attack, in a place where you had a right to be, matching force with force, was perfectly legal under the given circumstances.

Standing your ground against a criminal attack is justifiable, and although you can run if you are able or prefer to, there is normally no duty to retreat under American law. (Note that some states may have abandoned this fundamental principle.)

The rights of the people to keep arms and to bear arms predates the Constitution and is protected by the Bill of Rights.

The false notion that the Second Amendment protects only some sort of collectivist states' right to a militia, instead of individual rights, springs from a single appellate court case (*Tot v. U.S.*, 1943), which did not support its thesis, but was subsequently adopted by numerous other federal courts without critical review of the faulty premise.

The phrase "the people" used in the 2nd Amendment refers to the same class of people referred to in the 1st, 4th, 9th and 10th Amendments of the Bill of Rights, as well as Article 1, §2, cl. 1 of the Constitution, which specifies that Representatives are to be chosen by "the people."

The Supreme Court cannot decide that gun ownership is an individual right because they've already done that, repeatedly. The only thing the Court could do now is change its mind and adopt some other position, by going against a record built up for over two centuries.

The Supreme Court has not been quiet about guns -- a word that appears in some form 2,910 times in the decisions, carefully reprinted in *Supreme Court Gun Cases* (gun, shotgun, rifle, pistol, etc.). The Court has been essentially consistent for two hundred years. Individual Americans have the right to keep and bear arms, and the right to use arms in self-defense. Saying the Court has not recognized your rights is baloney. This was a well-understood, settled matter of law by the early 1900s. Disputes about this are new inventions. Enlisting in the National Guard has nothing to do with it. Free able-bodied people are the militia by virtue of simply being here. The reason you can go out and buy a gun is because you have a right to have a gun, and have always had this right. Gun haters are going to hate this book.

Many minor (and some not-so-minor) infringements on the right to keep and bear arms exist nationwide, have been frequently upheld by lower courts, and have not been recently addressed by the High Court [until *Heller* in 2008]. Never forget that no matter what any court says, the law means what the officer with the gun in your ear says it means. *Supreme Court Gun Cases* is a good read thanks to the plain-English gists with each case -- you've got mutinies, lovers climbing in bedroom windows, Wild West shootouts, corrupt judges, conspiracies, mob ambushes, drunken brawls, drug busts, family feuds, international criminals -- if you threw this much into a novel your agent would say you were nuts. But this is all real!

Release date: September 2003
-- gunlaws.com

Biden nominates a former federal prosecutor to lead the ATF as it targets 'ghost guns'

President Biden has picked former federal attorney Steve Dettelbach to serve as director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, as the administration takes new steps to address the scourge of gun violence in America.

The nomination comes as the Justice Department pursues regulations targeting so-called ghost guns, weapons that can often be assembled

from parts and that lack traceable serial numbers. The rules would require background checks for anyone purchasing a kit that can be readily made into a working firearm, including 3-D printing kits — just like the background check law that applies to all licensed gun sales.

Kit makers and re-sellers would have to include a serial number on the weapon. The rule would not ban gun kits themselves or strengthen penalties for crimes committed with ghost guns.

Last year, about 20,000 suspected ghost guns were recovered by law enforcement during criminal investigations, according to the ATF, marking a ten-fold increase in reported ghost guns compared to 2016.

As part of his unsuccessful run for Ohio attorney general in 2018, Dettelbach pushed to reinstate an assault weapons ban and universal background checks.

Administration officials pitched Dettelbach as a "non-controversial" nominee with a strong law enforcement background. But polarized politics around guns have previously made the post impossible to fill.

Unlike Republicans in the evenly divided Senate, Democrats lack unity on gun policy. The ATF, which plays a key role in gun regulations, hasn't had a permanent director since 2015, and there has been only one since the agency became a Senate-confirmed position in 2006.

The White House in September withdrew David Chipman's nomination to lead the agency amid opposition from gun rights advocates, Republican senators and a few Democrats. Chipman, a former ATF agent, has pushed for tough gun regulations as a senior policy advisor for a gun safety group founded by former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords who was the victim of a shooting in 2011. —NPR April 11, 2022

John Oliver explains what really happens in police interrogations, and why you should always request a lawyer

John Oliver said there's an entire industry in the world of policing that claims to be able to spot liars and can train cops to spot liars.

"But it's all bullshit," he said on Sunday night's "Last Week Tonight" on HBO.

Police will often work relentlessly to get a confession. Many use an interrogation method known as

the Reid technique, which was designed in the 1950s by former Chicago police officer John E. Reid.

"The Reid technique's become one of those things that just culturally comes with being a cop, y'know like their fondness for donuts," Oliver said. "Or their complicity in the perpetuation of state-sponsored violence."

The Reid technique claims someone being dishonest may avoid direct eye contact, but also that someone who is lying might "overcompensate" by staring.

"Meaning, if you have eyes, you're basically fucked," Oliver said.

What these interrogation techniques do is wear down suspects, especially after lengthy and relentless questioning. One study found false confessions occurred after an average interrogation time of more than 16 hours.

"Which can be utterly exhausting," Oliver said. "Innocent people can wind up confessing just to escape the stress of that situation."

Some offer false confessions in hopes that they can later recant and that they'll be cleared when more evidence emerges. But as Oliver pointed out, it can be difficult to recant because when the police have a confession in hand, they often stop investigating.

Why even talk at all? Many don't know better. According to Oliver, 80 percent of suspects waive their Miranda rights, many thinking they don't need a lawyer and have nothing to hide.

"But not having a lawyer makes you're incredibly vulnerable," Oliver said. "Because for one thing, a lawyer might clue you in to an absolutely insane power that police in America have been given by the Supreme Court."

That power? They can lie as they interrogate you, Peter Weber, Senior editor.

Don't waive your right to have an attorney present, because among other things, police can legally "flat-out lie to you to make you think you have no other choice but to confess," alleging they have nonexistent evidence, Oliver said. "Allowing the police to lie to suspects is crazy. Most countries do not allow it, and for good reason: It is far too powerful a tool."

In fact, "the problem with police interrogations right now is the same problem that we have with policing at large," Oliver said: "They're emboldened to act however they'd like in a system where they hold an undue amount of power, with very few protections for civilians" and little cost to them when they get it wrong.

Of all the convictions that have been overturned through DNA testing, 29 percent involved false confessions," Oliver said. But there are several reasons innocent people do that, "and a lot of that comes down to what happens in a police interrogation room," he said. "So tonight let's talk about police interrogations: What tactics they use and how damaging they can be, particularly for the innocent."

"The notion that people crack under pressure and falsely confess really shouldn't be that hard to understand — it's a concept that even children's cartoons get," Oliver said. In real life, people end up in jail for decades — or even on death row — due to false confessions."

Oliver even had footage of a cop lying to a suspect by saying he can't lie about the evidence as he presented supposed evidence that he was lying about.

Oliver concluded with an all-too-honest skit on video about what a police interrogation might really look like. — The Week April 18, 2022

Man who parked weapons near Capitol on 1/6 gets prison

An Alabama man who parked a pickup truck filled with weapons and Molotov cocktail components near the U.S. Capitol during last year's riot was sentenced Friday to 3 years and 10 months in prison.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly gave Lonnie Leroy Coffman credit for the more than one year he already has served.

Coffman, 72, of Falkville, Alabama, a Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Army, wrote in a handwritten letter to the judge, "If I had any idea that things would turn out like they did, I would have stayed home."

More than 770 people have been charged with federal crimes related to the Capitol riot.

Coffman's truck contained a handgun, a rifle, a shotgun, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, a crossbow, machetes, a stun gun and a cooler containing eleven mason jars with holes punched in the lids, according to prosecutors. Each jar contained a mixture of gasoline and Styrofoam, which are components of the homemade incendiary devices called Molotov cocktails, prosecutors said.

- Associated Press April 1, 2022

For first time, a U.S. Capitol rioter is acquitted

A federal judge on Wednesday issued the first acquittal in a criminal trial stemming from the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, saying prosecutors failed to prove their case against a New Mexico man facing misdemeanor charges.

U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden accepted Matthew Martin's argument that he did not know he was breaking the law when he entered the Capitol complex.

Martin, a former U.S. government contractor from Santa Fe, asserted that police officers allowed him into the Capitol building during the Jan. 6 assault.

Following the Capitol riot, Martin lost his top-secret level clearance and his job as a contractor supporting the U.S. Department of Energy's nuclear stockpile in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Martin had waived his right to a trial by jury, instead asking McFadden to determine his guilt or innocence in a proceeding known as a bench trial.

Last month, the U.S. Justice Department secured an important victory in the first Jan. 6 criminal case to culminate in a jury trial. Jurors found Guy Reffitt of Texas guilty of all five of the felony charges he faced, including bringing a gun onto the Capitol grounds and obstructing an official proceeding.

In another case, Enrique Tarrio, the former top leader of the right-wing group the Proud Boys, pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to criminal charges accusing him of conspiring ahead of the Capitol riot to block Congress from certifying Biden's 2020 election victory. -- Reuters April 6, 2022

Fusion Center Disinformation Portals to Spread Pro-Government News

It appears that the Department of Homeland Security is no longer satisfied with Fox News and Tucker Carlson spreading fear and wants to deliver their own fear-induced news.

As NBC New York revealed, DHS has decided to open its very first government-approved disinformation portal: "New Jersey's Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness has unveiled a new disinformation portal designed to help people identify truth-obscuring, manufactured information -- from deepfakes to altered videos and text and the groups behind them."

"Disinformation can have an insidious impact on the overall threat landscape," NJOHSP Director Laurie

Doran said. "In an age where the public has become increasingly dependent on online forums and social media platforms to stay informed, we all have a higher responsibility to scrutinize the information we're consuming."

NJOHSP Deputy Director Eric Tysarczyk added, "With this portal, we're now equipping the public with the tools needed to decipher the information for themselves."

And so the DHS-run fusion centers will disseminate government-approved news using their newly created disinformation portal.

DHS claims that China, Russia and Iran are behind a lot of disinformation. But as I pointed out two weeks ago, fusion centers also allege that there are at least 23 different types of violent extremists in America.

"Several known disinformation campaigns were ultimately reported to the New Jersey Suspicious Activity System, as they motivated individuals to act against government officials, law enforcement, critical infrastructure and the general public."

New Jersey's disinformation portals' claims of 'identifying and vetting any truth-obscuring, manufactured information' means that government officials will simply replace disinformation with their own manufactured version of events.

One week before DHS unveiled its disinformation portal, the NJ fusion center released this gem about violent extremists in America:

"Anarchist, anti-abortion, anti-government, black racially motivated, militia and sovereign citizen extremists comprise domestic moderate threats. Domestic extremists are expected to return to pre-pandemic operating norms, shifting their focus to ... demonstrations and engaging in low-level criminal activity."

Classifying anti-abortion, anti-government and black racially motivated protesters as domestic extremists is one of the most blatant examples of government disinformation that I have seen.

Using fusion centers to spread fear and polarize law enforcement continues to have far-reaching consequences to everyone's freedoms.

My greatest fear is that the Feds are going to create a network of seventy-nine fusion center disinformation portals that will be used to spread government-approved news to social media and news outlets with the ultimate goal of criminalizing protests and anything else our officials don't like.

--massprivatei.blogspot/2022/04/fusion

Gun deaths were the leading killer of US children in 2020

Guns overtook car crashes to become the leading cause of death for US children and teenagers in 2020.

Data from the Centers for Disease Control shows that over 4,300 young Americans between the ages of 1 and 19 died of firearm-related injuries in 2020 versus approximately 3,900 under 19 who died in vehicle crashes.

Homicides form the majority of gun-related deaths.

Over the same time period, firearm suicides in the US rose by 1.1%.

Gun-related deaths rose most among black Americans.

Drug overdoses and poisonings are the third leading cause of death in that age group. A separate study found that 954 young people died of overdoses in 2020, compared to 492 in 2019.

Gun violence in the US has increased since the Covid-19 pandemic began in early 2020.

"The reasons for the increase are unclear," the research letter said.

A separate study by the Annals of Internal Medicine found that 7.5 million US adults - just under 3% of the population - became first-time gun owners during the pandemic between January and April 2021.

This, in turn, exposed 11 million people to household firearms, including five million children. --

-- bbc.com April 22, 2022

Bundy headed to jail after Idaho judge says he 'consistently' defied orders

Far-right leader Ammon Bundy is heading to jail.

The gubernatorial candidate was found guilty of being in contempt of court Thursday after he refused to complete 40 hours of community service.

Ada County Magistrate Judge Annie McDevitt sentenced Bundy to 10 days in jail along with a \$3,000 fine. He was immediately handcuffed and taken to the Ada County Jail.

Bundy was held in contempt of court for not completing the community service he was sentenced to after he was found guilty of trespassing at the Lincoln Auditorium.

Bundy had argued that his campaign stops satisfied the community service mandate. On Nov. 29, Bundy's campaign treasurer, Aaron Welling, submitted a letter to Idaho's 4th District Court and claimed Bundy had "completed 1,621 hours of public service."

Welling said Bundy has traveled the state while encouraging people to "become more active in holding public officials accountable to the people of Idaho."

-- Idaho Statesman April 7, 2022

Alex Jones Info

Infowars host Alex Jones will be refunded the \$75,000 he was fined after being found in contempt of court regarding lawsuits relating to Sandy Hook. -- NBC News April 15, 2022

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Infowars filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as the website's founder and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones faces defamation lawsuits over his comments that the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting was a hoax.

The bankruptcy filing puts civil litigation on hold while the business reorganizes its finances.

In its court filing, Infowars said it had estimated assets of \$50,000 or less and estimated liabilities of \$1 million to \$10 million. Creditors listed in the bankruptcy filing include relatives of some of the 20 children and six educators killed in the 2012 school massacre in Connecticut.

Another lawsuit accuses Jones of hiding millions of dollars in assets, but an attorney for Jones has called that allegation "ridiculous." -- AP April 18, 2022

Mercola: Dismantling the Transhuman Agenda

Posted by Dr. Joseph Mercola
Story at a glance

* You're being surveilled 24/7, and most of it because you give up your privacy in exchange for convenience

* Google is the most egregious offender since, worldwide, 93% of online searches use Google

* Transhumanists don't have to microchip you to gain control; they can already alter reality and brainwash the population via data collection and the manipulation of information

* You can help protect your privacy and fight back against the transhumanism movement by avoiding any and all Google products

Transhumanism on some level is already here, not by turning human beings into robots, but by the development of human-enhancement technologies.¹

It's possible that eventually transhumanism will use technologies that are physically embedded in the body or brain to offer superhuman cognition or forms of mind control.

However, at this time transhumanism is occurring through mass formation psychosis and the manipulation of information.

A key term is "mass formation psychosis," which Dr. Robert Malone, inventor of the mRNA and DNA vaccine core platform technology,³ mentioned on "The Joe Rogan Experience" December 31, 2021, an episode viewed by more than 50 million people.⁴

The technocrats quickly manipulated search results by populating Google with propaganda to discredit Malone and the mass formation psychosis theory.

Those under the spell of mass formation psychosis obsessively focus on a failure, a particular event or a person — in this case COVID-19 — which becomes the focus of the attention and can effectively control the masses. The phenomenon leads to totalitarian thinking and, eventually, to totalitarian states.

By manipulating information, they can shape and alter reality about any topic — from COVID-19 to Ukraine — to fit their agenda. Google's search engine tracks what you do, Google Chrome browser tracks everything you do online, while Google Gmail captures every character you type — and saves it on its servers indefinitely.

If you use smart speakers in your home, like Alexa and Google Home smart speakers or the Google Assistant smartphone app, there's a chance people are listening to your requests. Even smart thermostats can have microphones in them.

Have you ever had a phone conversation and then get ads related to something you spoke about? This is a powerful example of the amount of data they're collecting about you and how they're using it to manipulate your behavior. They don't need a futuristic transhumanist device to manipulate your brain — they're already doing it without it.

It's possible to de-Google your cellphone by getting an Android phone that doesn't have a Google operating system, but you'll need to find a skilled IT person who can reformat your cellphone's hard drive. You can further help protect your privacy and fight back against the transhumanism movement by avoiding any and all Google products. This includes:

* Stop using Google search engines. Try Brave search engine instead.

* Uninstall Google Chrome and use Brave browser instead, available for all computers and mobile devices. It blocks ads and protects your privacy.

If you have a Gmail account, try a non-Google email service instead such as ProtonMail,¹ an encrypted email service based in Switzerland.

* Stop using Google docs.

* If you're a high school student, do not convert the Google accounts you created as a student into personal accounts.

-- technocracy.news April 15, 2022

Jury finds 2 men not guilty in Whitmer kidnap case; unable to reach verdict on 2 others

Jurors acquitted two men Friday accused of plotting to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and deadlocked on charges against the two alleged ringleaders, delivering a staggering blow to the government in one of the largest domestic terrorism cases in recent U.S. history.

Chief U.S. District Robert Jonker declared a mistrial on kidnapping conspiracy charges against accused ringleaders Adam Fox, 38, of Poterville, and Barry Croft, 46, of Delaware. Accused plotters Daniel Harris, 24, of Lake Orion, and Brandon Caserta, 34, of Canton Township, were being freed Friday afternoon after nearly two years behind bars.

The mixed verdict provided a biting end to a case dogged by controversy, scandal and the intense focus of a nation grappling with the rise of violent extremism amid the 2020 presidential election and a global pandemic.

Defense lawyers raised questions about FBI agent conduct by claiming that investigators and informants orchestrated the conspiracy and entrapped the four men, a ragtag band of social outcasts who harbored antigovernment views and anger over restrictions imposed by Whitmer.

Andrew Birge, U.S. attorney for the Western District of Michigan, vowed to retry Fox and Croft.

The verdicts came 10 years after the acquittals of five members of the Hutaree militia following a trial in Detroit.

Hutaree members were accused of talking about killing law

enforcement officers and using weapons of mass destruction to attack the funeral procession. They were acquitted of seditious conspiracy, marking one of the landmark losses for federal prosecutors in Michigan.

Extremism experts said Friday it appeared that defense lawyers effectively sowed enough doubt among jurors after arguing throughout the trial that FBI agents and a key informant, Dan Chappel, manipulated and entrapped the four defendants and plied them with marijuana.

-- Detroit News April 8, 2022

How to Handle a Gunshot Would

Prompt medical attention often prevents a gunshot wound from being deadly.

If you or someone around you is shot, these 3 steps are vital:

*Get to a safe place. If the injured person can walk or run, help them get to safety.

*If it's an accidental shooting, make sure the gun is secured.

*Once you're safe, call 911. Follow the dispatcher's instructions.

Ideally, you want the injured person in an ambulance within 10 minutes of being shot.

Stopping the bleeding is crucial. You can do that with:

*Strong pressure on the wound: If blood is coming out of a hole, put a lot of pressure on it. For heavy bleeding, don't be afraid to use your knee and really lean hard on the wound.

*Dressings help the blood clot and seal the wound. Use whatever's available—gauze, towels, a shirt, etc.

*A tourniquet (maybe): Professional tourniquets work well. But using them properly takes practice. If used correctly, they're uncomfortable or even painful.

Never give a person who's been shot anything to eat or drink, including water.

In general, you shouldn't elevate a gunshot victim's legs. That can make abdominal and chest wounds bleed more quickly. It might also make it harder for the person to breathe.

If the person is conscious, have them sit or lie in the position that's most comfortable for them.

If they're unconscious, put them in the recovery position (on their side with the top leg bent at a right angle.)

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. – Mark Twain

Recap: when dealing with a gunshot wound:

- *Get to safety.
- *Call 911.
- *Stop the bleeding with pressure, dressing, or a tourniquet.
- *Don't elevate the legs.
- *Put an unconscious person in the recovery position.
- *Improvised tourniquets often fail. If you don't have a professional version, focus on strong pressure. Really lean into it.

Someone with a gunshot wound to the chest might have breathing difficulties, low blood pressure, and heart issues. Begin CPR if they're not breathing.

Some chest wounds are seal-sucking wounds. These allow air to enter the chest.

To treat a chest wound, seal the wound with some type of plastic to keep air from being sucked in. This helps prevent a collapsed lung.

If shortness of breath gets worse after you seal the wound, remove the seal.

A gunshot wound to the abdomen can cause severe bleeding, organ damage, abdominal wall damage.

Be sure to hold pressure on an abdominal wound. A wound that punctures the stomach or intestines can lead to an infection due to gastrointestinal fluid or feces leaking into the abdominal cavity.

Emergency surgery is generally necessary with abdominal bullet wounds.

A gunshot to a limb is likely to cause a vascular (blood vessel) injury. It may cause nerve damage or break bones, as well.

In general, avoid moving a limb that has been shot. Prevent blood loss by holding pressure until medical help arrives.

Don't move someone who's been shot in the neck or back. Movement could damage the spinal cord and cause permanent paralysis.

If someone's shot in the front of the neck, hold pressure to prevent bleeding.

Recap: Try to cover holes in seal-sucking wounds to prevent a collapsed lung. Abdominal swelling happens quickly if the intestines are leaking material. Avoid moving limbs with gunshot wounds. Don't move someone who's been shot in the neck or back.

Summary: If someone is shot:

- *Get somewhere safe
- *Call 911
- *Stop the bleeding with pressure, dressing, or a tourniquet
- *Don't elevate the legs
- *Put an unconscious person in the recovery position
- *For seal-sucking wounds, seal the hole.
- *Avoid moving wounded limbs.
- *Never move someone with gunshot wounds to the neck or back.

-- verywellhealth.com Dec. 19, 2021

Review: *Future Peace*

by Robert H. Latiff

Future Peace urges extreme caution in the adoption of new weapons technology and is an impassioned plea for peace from an individual who spent decades preparing for war.

Today's militaries are increasingly reliant on highly networked autonomous systems, artificial intelligence, and advanced weapons that were previously the domain of science fiction writers. In a world where these complex technologies clash with escalating international tensions, what can we do to decrease the chances of war? In *Future Peace*, the eagerly awaited sequel to *Future War*, Robert H. Latiff questions our overreliance on technology and examines the pressure-cooker scenario created by the growing animosity between the U.S. and its adversaries, our globally deployed and thinly stretched military, the capacity for advanced technology to catalyze violence, and the American public's lack of familiarity with these topics.

Future Peace describes the many provocations to violence and how technologies are abetting those urges, and it explores what can be done to mitigate not only dangerous human

behaviors but also dangerous technical behaviors. Latiff concludes that peace is possible but will require intense, cooperative efforts on the part of technologists, military leaders, diplomats, politicians, and citizens.

Future Peace amplifies some well-known ideas about how to address the issues, and provides far-, mid-, and short-term recommendations for actions that are necessary to reverse the apparent headlong rush into conflict. This compelling and timely book will captivate general readers, students, and scholars of global affairs, international security, arms control, and military ethics. — Univ. of Notre Dame Press

Army Picks Its Replacement for the M4 and SAW

The Army has found its replacements for the M4 rifle and M249 Squad Automatic Weapon.

The force is awarding a 10-year, \$20.4 million contract to Sig Sauer for the XM5 Rifle, which will become the new standard rifle for soldiers, and the XM250 Automatic Rifle, which will replace the SAW.

The service will also switch from 5.56mm ammo to 6.8mm, after a search for rounds better built to penetrate body armor.

An Army spokesperson said in a press release. "The new ammunition includes multiple types of tactical and training rounds that increase accuracy and are more lethal against emerging threats than both the 5.56mm and 7.62mm ammunition."

The weapons will include the XM157 Fire Control optic, which includes a laser range finder, ballistic calculator, visible and infrared lasers, and a compass. That optic is made by Vortex Optics.

In its proposed 2023 budget, the force is requesting 29,046 new weapons. But that budget still needs to be approved by Congress.-- Military.com April 19, 2022

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Back issues, from 1997 to date, can be found online. Just go to: <https://archive.org/> and in the Search Field, type in "New Jersey Militia Newsletter". Or do a google search for "New Jersey Militia Newsletter". So grab the PDFs and pass them around via email.

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